



GLAST

**Discretionary Time Policy
Action Item
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Thoughts Thus Far

- Call it MDT (mission discretionary time).
- Write down justifications for MDT
 - unplanned TOO
 - unplanned needs for special observations for emerging systematic effects studies
 - general float in the observing schedule that would revert to all-sky survey if not spoken for in MDT in a particular year. Much better than carving TOOs out of selected observers' time!
- The project scientist manages this time, based on broad guidelines discussed in advance with the GUC (and written in the science policy document). In some cases, project scientist will consult with GUC (or GUC chair at least).
- Next: find out more about other missions
 - note that the large FOV makes GLAST very different. Also, the data from MDT observations are not proprietary to the observer. Thus, the impacts on the community are smaller (but not zero)
 - Rick investigating whether there is a specific NASA policy
- Initial proposal: 5 weeks/year set aside for MDT in the observing plan, discussed with GUC again prior to launch and annually thereafter.